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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN VIEWS ON MIDDLE EAST, WARSAW PACT,
MBFR AND PORTUGAL

REF: (A) BUCHAREST 2170; (B) SOFIA 0774; (C) MOSCOW 7509

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF MAY 22,
ROMANIAN EMBASSY COUNSELLOR WAS SHARPLY CRITICAL OF
ISRAELI HANDLING OF MAALOT TRAGEDY, SAID ROMANIANS WERE
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INDEED PREPARING TO LEAVE MBFR TALKS, PREDICTED EARLY

ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL AND DENIED THAT BULGARIANS HAD DONE SOVIET BIDDING DURING CEAUSESCU'S RECENT VISIT TO BULGARIA. END SUMMARY.

2. WHEN EMBOFF RAISED MAALOT TRAGEDY, ROMANIAN COUNSELLOR BECAME QUITE AGITATED. HE CLAIMED THE ISRAELIS HAD IN EFFECT UNDERCUT THE EFFORTS OF THE ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR TO MEDIATE. FOLLOWING LINES OF GOR VERSION REPORTED REFTEL A, HE SAID ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR HAD SUCCEEDED IN NEGOTIATING AGREEMENT AND HAD BEEN GIVEN CORRECT PASSWORD TO CONTACT THE TERRORISTS. HOWEVER, THE ISRAELIS HAD APPARENTLY NOT INTENDED TO HONOR THEIR SIDE OF THE BARGAIN AND HAD MADE NO MOVES TO RELEASE THE PRISONERS. THEY PREEMPTED THE AMBASSADOR AND WENT IN ONLY MINUTES BEFORE HE WAS TO HAVE MADE THE CONTACT. ROMANIAN COUNSELLOR SAID FRENCH AMBASSADOR HAD PLAYED NO USEFUL ROLE. HE ADDED THAT ROMANIANS WERE UPSET OVER WHAT APPEARED TO BE ISRAELI DUPLICITY BUT DENIED THAT THEIR POLICY WAS BECOMING PRO-ARAB.

3. SUBJECT OF MBFR ALSO STIRRED EMOTIONAL REACTION IN ROMANIAN COUNSELLOR. HE DECLARED THAT ROMANIAN DELEGATION IN VIENNA WAS CUT OFF FROM INFORMATION ON BOTH SIDES AND UNABLE TO FUNCTION USEFULLY. IT WAS THEREFORE HIGHLY LIKELY THAT IT WOULD BE WITHDRAWN. HE CLAIMED IN PARTICULAR THAT BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE, WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO BRIEF ROMANIANS ON INFORMAL "TROIKA" TALKS, WAS TELLING THEM NOTHING OF INTEREST. MBFR HAD PROVEN TO BE A WASTE OF TIME AS FAR AS ROMANIA WAS CONCERNED.

4. ON PORTUGAL, COUNSELLOR REVEALED THAT CEAUSESCU HAD SENT HIGH-LEVEL ENVOY TO LISBON SOME TEN DAYS AGO FOR TALKS WITH NEW GOVERNMENT. HE PREDICTED THAT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WOULD BE ESTABLISHED IN NEAR FUTURE.

5. COUNSELLOR HAD LITTLE TO SAY ON RECENT WARSAW PACT MEETING. HOWEVER, HE DENIED THAT SOVIETS HAD PRESSED FOR CLOSER MILITARY INTEGRATION OR FOR A NEW COMMAND FOR THE SOUTHERN AREA (REFTEL C). HE ALSO EXCLUDED POSSIBL-
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ITY THAT BULGARIANS HAD RAISED SOVIET DESIDERATA ON WARSAW PACT WITH CEAUSESCU DURING HIS RECENT BULGARIAN VISIT (REFTEL B). HE SAID IT WAS A CARDINAL ELEMENT OF ROMANIAN POLICY NOT TO DEAL WITH SOVIETS THROUGH INTER-MEDIARIES.' AS TO WHAT WENT ON DURING VISIT, ALL HE WOULD SAY WAS THAT SUBJECTS COVERED WERE ALMOST ENTIRELY BILATERAL, THAT ROMANIANS WERE SATISFIED AND THAT RELATIONS WITH THE BULGARIANS WERE GOOD.

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